

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-21 (cancelled)

22. (currently amended) An intrinsic gauging assembly comprising:

a two part coupling comprised of first coupling member and a second coupling member, wherein each of said first and second coupling members include a threaded member for forming a coupling connection between said first and second coupling members;

a visually perceptible marking on at least one of said first or second coupling members, wherein said visually perceptible marking is visible when the fitting is in a finger tight condition, and is substantially imperceptible when in an initial pull up position, said visually perceptible marking corresponds to the initial pull up position.

23. (previously presented) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 22, wherein said visually perceptible marking comprises at least two demarcations to form a leading edge and a trailing edge, wherein said leading edge corresponds to a finger-tight position and said trailing edge corresponds to an additional predetermined axial displacement of one of said first or second coupling members relative to the other of said first or second coupling members and corresponds to said initial pull up position.

24. (previously presented) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 22 further comprising a second visible marking on said at least one of said first or second coupling members, wherein said second visible marking corresponds to a maximum pull up position.

25. (previously presented) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 22 wherein said visually perceptible marking comprises a machined surface on said at least one of said first or second coupling members.

26. (previously presented) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 25, wherein said machined surface is knurled.

27. (previously presented) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 22 wherein said visually perceptible marking comprises a machined recess.

28. (previously presented) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 22 wherein said visually perceptible marking comprises a band having a predetermined axial length.

29. (previously presented) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 22 wherein said visually perceptible marking comprises a colored machine groove.

30. (currently amended) An intrinsic gauging assembly comprising:

a two part coupling comprised of first coupling member and a second coupling member, wherein each of said first and second coupling members include a threaded member for forming a coupling connection between said first and second coupling members;

a visually perceptible marking on at least one of said first or second coupling members, wherein said visually perceptible marking is visible when the fitting is in an initial pull up position, and is substantially imperceptible when in a maximum pull up position, said visually perceptible marking corresponds to the initial pull up position.

31. (previously presented) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 30 wherein a distance between the initial pull up position and the maximum pull of position is a predetermined axial length that determines a number of subsequent remakes of the two part coupling.

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32. (previously presented) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 30 wherein said visually perceptible marking comprises a machined surface on said at least one of said first or second coupling members.

33. (previously presented) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 32, wherein said machined surface is knurled.

34. (previously presented) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 30 wherein said visually perceptible marking comprises a machined recess.

35. (previously presented) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 30 wherein said visually perceptible marking comprises a band having a predetermined axial length.

36. (previously presented) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 30 wherein said visually perceptible marking comprises a colored machine groove.

37 - 41. (cancelled)